



[6450-01-P]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice and Request for Comments

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to reinstate and extend for three years, an information collection request with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The information collection request, Historic Preservation for Energy Efficiency Programs, was initially approved on December 1, 2010 under OMB Control No. 1910-5155 and expired on June 30, 2011.

The reinstatement and extension will allow DOE to continue data collection on the status of Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), State Energy Program (SEP) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program activities to ensure that recipients are compliant with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Comments are invited on: (a) whether the extended collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to

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Additional information and reporting guidance concerning the Historic Preservation

reporting requirement for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), State Energy

Program (SEP) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program

are available for review at the following website:

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/wip/historic_preservation.html

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No. 1910-5155; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Historic Preservation for Energy Efficiency Programs; (3) Type of Review: Reinstatement; (4) Purpose: To collect data on the status of Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), State Energy Program (SEP), and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program activities to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,473; (6)

Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 2,473; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 5,264; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.

Statutory Authority: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Pub.L. 89 - 665 106) establishes that WAP, SEP and EECBG recipients must retain sufficient documentation to demonstrate that the recipient (or subrecipient) has received required approval(s) prior to the expenditure of project funds to alter any historic structure or site.

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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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